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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2012-OS-0038]

Proposed collection; comment request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert date 60 days from publication of this notice in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments,

please write to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) ATTN: Ms. Kristin Williams, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Ste 04E25, Alexandria, VA, 22350, or call at (571) 372-1102.

TITLE, ASSOCIATED FORM, AND OMB CONTROL NUMBER: The 2012 Post-Election Survey of State and Local Election Officials; OMB Control Number 0704-0125.

NEEDS AND USES: The information collection requirement is necessary to fulfill the mandate of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA of 1986 [42 USC 1973ff]). UOCAVA requires a statistical analysis report to the President and Congress on the effectiveness of assistance under the Act, a statistical analysis of voter participation, and a description of State / Federal cooperation.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: State, Local or Tribal Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS: 2,000 hours

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 3,000

RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT: 1

AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE: 40 minutes

FREQUENCY: One time

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

UOCAVA requires the States to allow Uniformed Services personnel, their family members, and overseas citizens to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for Federal offices. The Act covers members of the Uniformed Services and the merchant marine to include the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service and their eligible dependents, Federal civilian employees overseas, and overseas U.S. citizens not affiliated with the Federal Government. Local Election Officials (LEO) process voter registration and absentee ballot applications, send absentee ballots to voters, and receive and process the voted ballots in counties, cities, parishes, townships and other jurisdictions within the U.S. LEOs, independently and in relation to their respective State election officials, are often one of the most important pieces in the absentee voting process for *UOCAVA* citizens. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) conducts the post-election survey of State and Local Election Officials to determine participation rates that are representative of all citizens covered by the Act, to measure State-Federal cooperation, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the overall absentee voting program. By

design, the information collected be both quantitative (collected from both the State and Local Election Officials) and qualitative (collected from the Local Electon Officials), and will be used for overall program evaluation, management and improvement, and to compile the congressionally-mandated report to the President and Congress.

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